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In re the Application of:

Beigelman et al.

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For: **Methods for Synthesizing
Nucleosides, Nucleoside Derivatives
and Non-Nucleoside Derivatives**

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Patrick Lewis

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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 22, 2003

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed August 22, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the patent application identified above in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.